

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BUREAU OF REGULATORY SERVICES**

In re: William R. McKnight, L.M.T.

Petition No. 2001-0815-029-002

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, William R. McKnight of Bethel (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 000514 to practice massage therapy by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 384a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, respondent admits that:

1. He has practiced beyond the scope of his massage therapist license in that he practiced acupuncture in Connecticut since 1987.
2. He has never held a license in Connecticut as either a physician or an acupuncturist.
3. The above-described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-206c.

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest this matter and agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the a hearing officer designated by the Commissioner (hereinafter "the Department"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-14 and 20-206c of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-17 and 20-206c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent's license number 000514 to practice as a massage therapist in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check, and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
4. He agrees to cease and desist in the practice of acupuncture or in any other practice that requires licensure in the State of Connecticut without first obtaining an appropriate license.
5. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to his licensure.
6. Any alleged violation of any provision of this Consent Order may result in the following procedures at the discretion of the Department:
 - a. The Department shall notify respondent in writing by first-class mail that the term(s) of this Consent Order have been violated, provided that no prior written consent for deviation from said term(s) has been granted.
 - b. Said notification shall include the acts or omission(s) which violate the term(s) of this Consent Order.
 - c. Respondent shall be allowed fifteen (15) days from the date of the mailing of notification required in paragraph 6a above to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that he has complied with the terms of this Consent Order or, in the alternative, that he has cured the violation in question.
 - d. If respondent does not demonstrate compliance or cure the violation by the limited fifteen (15) day date certain contained in the notification of violation to the satisfaction of the Department, he shall be entitled to a hearing before the

Department which shall make a final determination of the disciplinary action to be taken.

- e. Evidence presented to the Department by either the Department or respondent in any such hearing shall be limited to the alleged violation(s) of the term(s) of this Consent Order.
7. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as a massage therapist, upon request by the Department, for a period not to exceed 45 days. During that time period, respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of the violation. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said 45-day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license. In any such summary action, respondent stipulates that failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall constitute an admission that his conduct constitutes a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, sections 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c).
8. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of his license before the Department.
9. Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Licensure and Registration Section of the Division of Health Systems Regulation of the Department.
10. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Department.
11. Respondent understands this Consent Order may be considered as a public document and evidence of the above-admitted violations in any proceeding before the Department in

which his compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-206c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.

12. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Department shall not be a waiver or preclude the Department from taking action at a later time. The Department shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
13. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
14. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
15. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Bureau of Regulatory Services to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Department. Respondent understands that the Department has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
16. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

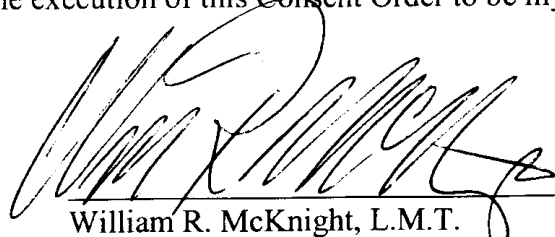
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I, William R. McKnight, have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

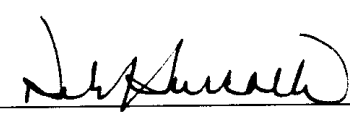

William R. McKnight, L.M.T.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of November 2001.

ELISABETH SULLIVAN
Notary Public
My Commission Expires 3/31/2005


Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 20th day of December ~~September~~ 2001, it is hereby accepted.


Debra J. Turcotte, Director
Division of Health Systems Regulation

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